to sensitize the village functionaries and NGOs to undertake such a campaign in the interior areas of Chandel and Churachandpur districts. Army has also offered to train the police/CPOs personnel deployed in the area for detection/neutralization of IEDs.

Talks with ULFA and NDFB

*225. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BHAHMA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is stalemate in the peace process with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that another armed outfit namely, National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) is already under cease fire and expressed willingness for negotiated settlement; and

(d) if so, by when the formal talks are expected to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The people's Consultative Group (PCG) of Assam held two rounds of talks with the Government on 26.10.05 and 7.2.06. During second round of talks on 7.2.06, it was agreed that another round of talks with PCG will be held as early as possible, before the commencement of the talks with the United Liberation Front of Assam.

(c) and (d) An agreement for Suspension of Operation (SoO) *w.e.f.* June 1, 2005 for one year has been signed between the Government of India, Government of Assam and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB). NDFB has yet to submit its charter of demand to the Government. It is therefore premature to indicate the timeframe for formal talks with NDFB.

Need to broadbase the committee set up for stamping and marking

*256. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that handloom and powerloom sectors have no represenatation in the committee formed by the Textile Commissioner to finalise the stamping and marking, despite contributing 90 per cent of fabrics manufactured in the country;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Merchants' Chamber to reconstitute the said committee to make the same broad based;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon; and

(d) if replies to parts (b) and (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir. The powerloom sector is represented in the Committee constituted by the Textile Commissioner by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI). The Handloom cloth is already outside the purview of current marking regulations.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The representation from Merchant's Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata has been received. The Textile Commissioner has been directed to expand the committee to include representatives of the Powerloom and other sectors, as the case may be, while keeping representation of all regions of the country in view.

(d) Does not arise.

Duty Entitlement Passbook Benefits for Titanium Dioxide

*257. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the products of Titanium dioxide for which the "duty entitlement passbook benefits" is not existing and the industrial establishment in Kerala which produces such products;

(b) the quantity of Titanium dioxide reutile grade exported during the current year and the quantity exported during the last year; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the policy and extend the benefit of Duty Entitlement Passbook to the Titanium dioxide reutile grade produced by KMML in Kerala?